ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

i—re: the question of Federation.

Mr. President.—I have got a number of notices of motions for adjournment. The first one is to move the adjournment of the business of the House for the connsideration of a grave matter of urgent public importance, viz., The Government's Press Communique dated March, 15. To what does it refer ?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—Regarding the question of Federation.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—It is outside the purview of the Council.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—The conclusions arrived at was not with the approval of the public.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—May I know whether such a communique has been published ?

Mr. President.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—May I know why it was not published in the Gazette ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—It was sent to all the leading dailies. It was issued six days prior to the publication of the Gazette, and very wide publicity was given to it.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—Our difficulty is only just to ascertain about the authenticity and the completeness of the communique published in the papers. If it were in the Gazette we can take it as the version of the Government.

Mr. President.—I am afraid in the light of the Regulation I cannot allow it.

Motion was ruled out of order.

ii and iii—re: the Police assault on Mr. P. S. Nambudiri.

Mr. President.—The next two are from Mr. K. M. Ibrahim and Mr. Ikkanda Warriar respectively, regarding a statement issued by Mr. P. S. Namboodiri and published in the local press.

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Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—Sir, the matter is sub-judice. Cases are pending in courts of law.

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—C. C. 128 and C. C. 129 of 1112 on the file of the District Magistrate are the cases.

Mr. President.—Without violating the rules of sub-judice, I would like to make a brief statement with regard to this. It was brought to the notice of Government that a Police Sergeant assaulted a Namboodiri labour leader. In fact, two or three representations were received by Government in that matter and as soon as these representations were received, Government conducted enquiries and as a result of the enquiry conducted by Government, they were satisfied that the Police Officer was not at fault. Government wanted to give publicity to that fact. The only possible way of doing it will be to have an open enquiry by a court of law and, therefore, Government explained the position to the Police Officers concerned. Government said that unless the Police Officer concerned clear his character in a court of law Government will take disciplinary action. On that conclusion of Government the Police Officer concerned applied for sanction to prosecute certain persons who published this information for defamation. Government gave sanction and cases have been filed.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—May I know whether the statement that the President has been pleased to make, violates the rule of sub-judice?

Mr. President.—That is why I said at the very beginning "without violating the rules of sub-judice".

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—The statement that on enquiry Government found that the Police Officer was not at fault, I think, certainly violates .....

Mr. President.—I am not prepared to discuss this matter.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—My motion does not relate to the accuracy of the statement or anything of the kind. It is with regard to the feeling prevailing in the country.

Mr. President.—Can the Hon'ble Member discuss that without discussing the incident?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—In the light of the explanation now given probably the people will have to wait until the decision of the case. The main object with which I

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tabled this motion for discussion is to remind the Government of their duty to satisfy the public in such a matter of vital importance as this.

May I know the parties to the suit?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—The Police Officer concerned has filed a complaint against the party who made the allegation, viz., Mr. Namboodiri and another gentleman who repeated that allegation.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).* — Who is that gentleman?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—It is Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—The Government said that they were satisfied .....

Mr. President.—I cannot allow a discussion on that. As the matter is sub-judice we will err on the side of rigidity.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Sir, this is a veritable stifling of discussion.

Motions were ruled out of order.

iv & v re: the delay in publishing and proceeding with the Municipal Bill.

Mr. President.—The next two motions are tabled by Mr. Ikkanda Warriar and they are to discuss the delay on the part of the Government in passing the Municipal Bill. How are you justified in accusing the Government of delay?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Sir, the life of the Municipal Councils has once been extended by one year. It will expire on the first of Vrischigom next. As matters stand this is the last meeting of the legislative session of this year. According to the rules the next meeting will be in Vrischigom next. So in the ordinary course of things there seems to be no chance of the Municipal Bill being passed this year. I signed the Select Committee report on the 14th or 15th of Kumbham. To-day is the 18th Meenom. According to me the Government had sufficient time to include this Bill in the agenda and if they had done so we would have carried through the measure and obviated the necessity for the Government to extend the life of the present Council again which will be a very serious infringement upon the rights of the people.

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